

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
US ARMY RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL
ASSESSMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL BASELINE SURVEY

The US Army announces its public information meeting for implementation of its Residential Communities Initiative (RCI) in Hawaii at:

Moanalua High School Cafeteria
2825 Ala Ilima Street
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM
September 18, 2002

The Army RCI program implements the Military Housing Privatization Initiative (MHPI), Section 2801 of the 1996 Defense Authorization Act. Under the RCI program, Army family housing units would be managed by a private entity. To accomplish this, the housing units and ancillary support facilities would be transferred, and the real property within the housing areas would be leased. The RCI program in Hawaii would include approximately 7,704 family housing units at Fort Shafter, Schofield Barracks, Tripler Medical Center, Wheeler Army Airfield, Aliamanu Military Reservation, and Helemano Military Reservation.

The public information meeting will discuss the proposed RCI project and the environmental documents being prepared to support that project—an Environmental Assessment and an Environmental Baseline Survey. The Environmental Assessment would meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and Army Regulation 200-2 (Environmental Analysis of Army Actions). The Environmental Assessment would evaluate and identify the potential environmental effects resulting from implementing the proposed RCI project. The Environmental Baseline Survey would be prepared to document the presence of hazardous substances and conditions in structures and real property that would be subject to transfer or lease as part of the proposed RCI project. The Environmental Baseline Survey would support a Finding of Suitability to Transfer and a Finding of Suitability to Lease.

For further information on the RCI project, please contact Mr. Wesley Nakamoto, Environmental Protection Specialist, US Army RCI Office at 808-438-6179. Please submit any comments on the project no later than Saturday, October 5, 2002 to Mr. Nakamoto at US Army Garrison Hawaii, Attn: APVG-GWZ-R, Building 344, Fort Shafter, HI 96858, FAX 808-438-5163. Also, please contact Mr. Nakamoto if you would like to receive a copy of the Environmental Assessment when it is available.